

Tax Possession Sale Committee

Draft Minutes from 5/5/2007 meeting at The Abbott School prior to Town Meeting

Committee members present: Darrin Wizst, Kate Paquin

Also attending: Approximately 12 neighbors from the Torrington Lane, Williams Ave neighborhood.

Kate and Darrin introduced themselves as new members of the committee and told those present they were awaiting results from a town-sponsored report regarding environmental testing of the Nabnasset property (Assessor's Map 70, Parcel 46) before making any decisions on the property. The committee did not deem the parcel 'surplus', which would have been required to have the town vote to make it conservation land.

The neighbors stated that many of them currently have basement flooding issues, and feel that development of the lot in question would exacerbate the problems because much of the ground water in the neighborhood drains into the lot. Guy Coraccio, one of the neighbors, gave information on a website they have started which shows photos of basement flooding and drainage issues after rain storms. The neighbors, commenting on the preliminary results of the environmental test, stated that they feel the testing was insufficient because it was concentrated on a small section, on the highest point of the lot, and does not factor in the effect of development on surrounding lots.

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The committee members told the neighbors they would take their information under advisement, and review the environmental testing report prior to making any decisions. The neighbors also mentioned that the original developer didn't build on the lot because the town said it was wetlands. They wanted to make the case that it would be best used as conservation land, which it currently borders.